IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please substitute the following paragraph for the paragraph starting at page 62, line 19 and ending at line 27.

The operation of the Z-level Activation Module **613** can also be seen in terms of converting a stream of crossing messages to an output of region messages which indicate which depths are present on the span and what their relative depth orderings is over the span. Span in this regard means the ~~internal~~ <u>interval</u> on the scan line bounded by crossing messages. Since z-levels bind depths to fills, such an ordered set of depths can be used to determine which z-levels contribute to the output color for runs of pixels along a current scan line. This is the role of the compositor, to be considered later. Conversely, determining the set of z-levels present on a span is equivalent to determining the depths present on a span.